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- 25X1 1. All Chinese Communist Navy supply, repair, and training units in Kwangtung are planning to move to Whampoa in accordance with a plan to develop it into a Naval base.\* The units in Whampoa are the Kwangtung Naval Office, the General Headquarters of the 2 Fleet, the Kwangtung Coastal Fleet Command, the 3 Naval Supply Depot, the Naval Craft Engineering Corps, and the Naval Cadet Training School. On 8 September, a training school was established for the 1 Battalion of the Marine 1 Column, which consisted of 358 men equipped with 12 new portable guns and a number of automatic rifles, and was commanded by TSENG Ming (曾明). All machinery at the Whampoa shipyard is being repaired or replaced, and positions manned by Marines are being established in the area. Four hundred and one warehouses are being constructed.
- 25X1 2. Soviet advisors are advocating the establishment of a Marine base in the Paracel Islands (112-00, 16-00).\*\* Soviet technicians have already surveyed the area, including the water supply. Construction of the base is being delayed until the islands are adequately garrisoned.

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recent reports of naval activity in the Whampoa area.

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A radio broadcast from Taipei, Taiwan, on 7 September quoted a dispatch from Canton which described feverish military activity in southern Hainan and stated that an invasion of the Paracels by Communist Commander FENG Pai-chu was imminent.

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